



ABOUT WARD 4

Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Vice Mayor Shirley C. Scott. Shirley has represented the Ward since 1995 and is honored to continue serving the constituents of Ward 4 and the City of Tucson.

In the Know

A BIG Kitty

A very big kitty indeed. The Lion is the second largest big cat species in the world. What's #1? The Lions cousin...the Tiger of course. On average male lions weigh around 400 lbs. and the average for females is 290lbs. That's a lot of weight to carry, but when needed, Lions can reach speeds of up to 50mph. Now this is only in short bursts because of a lack of stamina. Lack of stamina could be because they rest 20 hours a day, good for them! What's interesting is that Lions are very social, but I wouldn't try to a face-to-face introduction, they aren't that social!



What's amazing about these creatures is their roar! If you haven't heard a lion roar, it's a must! It is amazing; it will make your bones rattle! It is so loud that you can hear a roar 5 miles away. Impressive! On average Lions live around 12 years, but in zoos, they can live up to 20 years. Speaking of zoo's, did you hear about our little lion cubs?

Well there was this one pleasant afternoon when Kaya and Shombay's eyes met across the exhibit. Birds started chirping and the sun was shining. Ok, that's not true, but what is true is that we have 4 cute and cuddly little cubs. Baako, Nayo, Sanjo and Jelani. These little rascals were born on December 23rd and recently made their big public debut.

So far the cubs have done well in their habitat, so Zoo staff plans to let those little cubs have access to their exhibit each morning from 9 a.m. – noon. But since these little tikes are still adjusting to their new surrounding, Zoo staff may adjust this schedule as needed due to weather, animal health, or other concerns. The pride may also choose to rest behind-the-scenes, so viewing is not guaranteed at all time. But for best viewing, going early will be your best shot. Shombay, the proud father, will be on exhibit each afternoon from noon – 4pm. This will be his routine until further notice.

In case you can't get to the Zoo, then you can watch them on the Zoo's live Zoo cam. Check it out here, <http://reidparkzoo.org/cameras/lion-cam/>. While you're there, you can also watch the Elephants, Flamingos Lemurs, Giraffe, and the Grizzly. But be warned, it's addicting!

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Abandoned

Abandoned shopping carts get left at bus stops, parking lots, and empty lots and they are adding to the clutter and debris in our community. The Mayor and City Council passed an ordinance giving Environmental Services the authority to go out and collect the shopping carts left behind. We need your help to locate the carts so we can get them off our streets. Here's how you can help:

- Call 792-CITY or 791-3171 to report the location of a cart
- Download the My Waste app and use the Problem Report option

Once we have been notified of the location, our contractor will investigate and will tag the cart and notify the store management. If the cart is not properly marked, it will be picked up and taken away. If you would like more information, call ES Customer Service at 791-3171.

"Dirty Dozen"

Recently, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS as we know them) released their annual "Dirty Dozen." The list is compiled by the IRS each year that list a variety of common scams taxpayers can encounter. This is a reminder to taxpayers to use caution during tax season to protect themselves against a wide range of schemes ranging from identity theft to return preparer fraud.



Tax fraud through the use of identity theft tops this year's Dirty Dozen list. Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information, such as your name, Social Security number (SSN) or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.

Taxpayers who believe they are at risk of identity theft due to lost or stolen personal information should contact the IRS immediately so the agency can take action to secure their tax account. Taxpayers can call the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 800-908-4490. More information can be found on the special identity protection page.

The IRS has seen a recent increase in local phone scams across the country, with callers pretending to be from the IRS in hopes of stealing money or identities from victims.

These phone scams include many variations, ranging from instances from where callers say the victims owe money or are entitled to a huge refund. Don't believe it people! You don't magically win the lottery.

Characteristics of these scams can include:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.
- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security Number.
- Scammers "spoof" or imitate the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.
- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do: If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 800-829-1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue – if there really is such an issue. If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484. There is a great of information [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov), check it out!

Paint It

Painting, it's not just a form of art. This art help with Communication Skills, Problem-Solving Skills, Social & Emotional Skills, Fine Motor Skills, Self-Expression and Creativity. Now when you have a little one, you might want to help them expand on all these great skills. There is a class that is offered at the William Clements Center called Painting For Tots. It's for youngsters from ages 2-5. They will be painting with brushes, tools and fingers using templates, stamps and even sand. They will even explore elementary printmaking. Because of all this fun activity, parent /grandparent/sitter participation IS required. Please make sure you supervise your child at all times while in the facility.

The next session of classes takes place in March. The classes will be on Fridays, from 1-2pm. So make sure you sign up early. If you would like any more information, please call the William Clements Center at 791-5787.



"Heart Your Park"

Did you know that Macy's department store had a fundraising program called "Heart Your Park"? We didn't either, and apparently they do! It's part of Macy's "Secret Garden" campaign that aims to raise awareness and dollars for local parks across the country. Here's the best part! The City of Tucson's Michael Perry Park has been selected for "Heart Your Park," woohoo!

So here's how this works. From March 7th to March 31st, customers at Macy's can donate a \$1 or more at the register, with 100 percent of the donations benefiting Michael Perry Park. The best part of this, Macy's will match the total customer donation across all stores, buck for buck, dollar for dollar, up to \$250,000 in total. Donations will go towards making improvements, such as maintaining trails, playgrounds, and ball fields, and everything in between.

Michael Perry Park is great addition to Ward 4. There is a little league field, basketball court, playground, and it's right off of the Pantano Wash. It's located at 8700 E. Arbor St. on the eastside of Golf Links Road and Pantano Parkway.

Michael Perry Park is one of more than 550 parks nationwide that will benefit from Macy's "Heart Your Park" this spring. In partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the national non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of community parks, recreation and conservation.

For more information on "Secret Garden," visit macys.com/secretgarden or if you're curious to see what other parks will be benefiting from Macy's "Heart Your Park," visit macys.com/parks.

A New Path

There will be a new multi-use path available at Freedom Park. This path will provide a 3,650 linear foot lighted walking path with five fitness stations, each equipped with two different components that together form a fitness routine. There is also a small Ramada with a seating area as well as benches at each fitness stations to rest you're your tired muscles. This path is ADA accessible. The concrete walk provides access to the existing playground and a new shade sail structure will be added. There have also been ADA drinking fountains installed at the entry to this walkway.

Funding for this project has been provided by Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Funds in the amount of \$500,000. The new dedication ceremony will take place on March 7th at 10 am at Freedom Park, 5000 E 29th St. After the ribbon is cut, take a stroll on the new path!

Coming Up...

Buffelgrass

Sat., March 8, 8am, Groves Park II (Northeast corner of Prudence & Poinciana)
Groves-Lincoln Neighborhood are reaching out for help from volunteers to hand pull all buffelgrass from Groves Park II. If you live out in this area, here is your chance to help out your fellow neighbor. All help is welcomed!

Ages 'N Stages

Sat., March 8th, 9-4pm, Casino Del Sol
This Expo is for ALL seniors seeking ways to live a fuller and happier life. There will be demonstrations, seminars, free entertainment, and raffle drawings. Now get out there and have fun!

Wear Green

Sat., March 15, 10am, Armory Park
St. Patrick Day Parade! It's a great time to wear green and celebrate your Irish heritage or, just celebrate because you know someone who is Irish. It's just a day for good fun. This year's theme, "Our Strength is Our People."

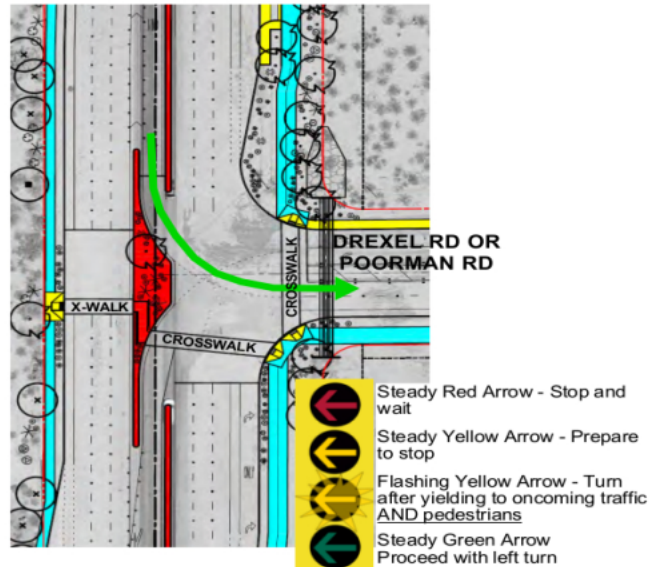
Road Work Update by MJ Dillard

USING THE NEW FLORIDA T INTERSECTIONS

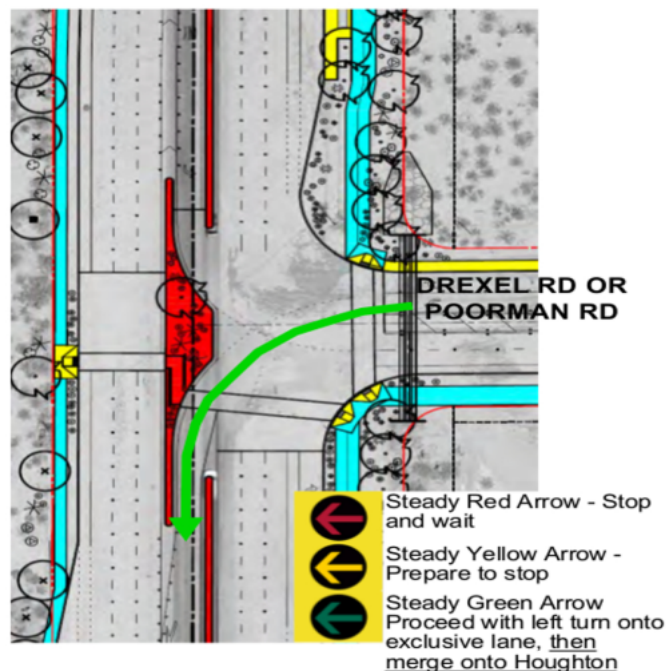
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- * Thru traffic heading south does not stop for vehicular traffic, only for pedestrians
- * Signal coordination is improved for traffic heading north on Houghton

SOUTHBOUND LEFT TURNS FROM HOUGHTON ONTO DREXEL OR POORMAN



WESTBOUND LEFT TURNS FROM DREXEL OR POORMAN ONTO HOUGHTON



In the 411

Eastside Police Substation – 791-5700

9670 E. Golf Links

For additional information in regards to tickets or other departments within the Tucson Police Department log on to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police>

Transportation (TDOT) - 791-4259

201 N. Stone Ave. 5th Floor

Got a question about construction, traffic, streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, stormwater, RTA or anything along these lines? Visit

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation> to get more info.

Environmental Services - 791-3171

Information on trash, recycling, landfills, brush and bulky and even neighborhood cleanups is what you can find here. They even do Hazardous Household Waste Collections. Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es> for more info.

Tucson Water - 791-4331

310 W. Alameda St.

Have questions on billing, water conservation, water quality or general service, then call the public info line or check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water>

William Clements Center - 791-5758 or 791-4730

8155 E. Poinciana

There is a lot happening here! Additional information, including calendar of events, go to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/clements>

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library - 594-5355

9640 E. Golf Links Rd

Get info of scheduled events or what's currently happening at this library. Better yet go to www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks

Pima Council on Aging - 790-7262

8467 E. Broadway

This is a great place that offers programs and services to older adults and their families living in Pima County. Learn more about this great organization by going to www.pcoa.org

Code Enforcement - 791 - 4171

320 N. Commerce Park Loop

Chapter 16 and 3 fo the City Code is what they enforce. If you suspect property or housing violations within the City give them a buzz or go online for more information or to make a complaint at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement>

Graffiti Removal Program - 792 - 2489

If you see someone "tagging" call 911. If The graffiti is already there, then call the number above to report it. Check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti> for more information on removal or reporting.

